

**2003 Poverty Guidelines\***

**Minimum Income Requirement For Use in Completing Form I-864**

For the 48 Contiguous States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam:

<b>Sponsor's Household Size</b>	<b>100% of Poverty Line</b>	<b>125% of Poverty Line</b>
	For sponsors on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who are petitioning for their spouse or child	For all other sponsors
1	\$ 8,980	\$11,225
2	\$12,120	\$15,150
3	\$15,260	\$19,075
4	\$18,400	\$23,000
5	\$21,540	\$26,925
6	\$24,680	\$30,850
7	\$27,820	\$34,775
8	\$30,960	\$38,700

\*EACH FAMILY MEMBER ABOVE THE EIGHTH, ADD \$3,140 (100%) OR \$3,925 (125%)

For Alaska (*)		For Hawaii (**)		
Sponsor's Household Size	100% of Poverty Line	125% of Poverty Line	100% of Poverty Line	125% of Poverty Line
	For sponsors on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who are petitioning for their spouse or child	For all other sponsors	For sponsors on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who are petitioning for their spouse or child	For all other sponsors
1	\$11,210	\$14,013	\$10,330	\$12,913
2	\$15,140	\$18,925	\$13,940	\$17,425
3	\$19,070	\$23,838	\$17,550	\$21,938
4	\$23,000	\$28,750	\$21,160	\$26,450
5	\$26,930	\$33,663	\$24,770	\$30,963
6	\$30,860	\$38,575	\$28,380	\$35,475
7	\$34,790	\$43,488	\$31,990	\$39,988
8	\$38,720	\$48,400	\$35,600	\$44,500

\*EACH FAMILY MEMBER ABOVE THE EIGHTH, ADD \$3,930 (100%) OR \$4,912.50 (125%)

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**Means-tested Public Benefits**

Federal Means-tested Public Benefits. To date, Federal agencies administering benefit programs have determined that Federal means-tested public benefits include, but are not limited to, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

State Means-tested Public Benefits. Each State will determine which, if any, of its public benefits are means-tested. If a State determines that it has programs which meet this definition, it is encouraged to provide notice to the public on which programs are included. Check with the State Public Assistance Office to determine which, if any, State assistance programs have been determined to be State Means-tested Public Benefits.

Programs Not Included: The following Federal and State programs are **not** included as Means-tested Benefits: emergency Medicaid; short-term, non-cash emergency relief; services provided under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts; immunizations and testing and treatment for communicable diseases; student assistance under the Higher Education Act and the Public Health Service Act; certain forms of foster-care or adoption assistance under the Social Security Act; Head Start programs; means-tested programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and Job Training Partnership Act programs.

**Form I-864 Attachment (co/feb03)**